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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of November 17, 2004**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chester Stribling, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

**2. Introduction of Participants**

Present were:

- Mr. Raymond Graham, Vice Chairman, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. G. Robert Lee, County Administrator
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Assistant County Administrator
- Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox, Jr.
- Lt. Col. Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Tim McMenamin, Director, WFJCC
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
- Chief Philip Myer, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Sgt. Walt Putnam, Warrenton Police Department
- Captain Darren Stevens, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Ms. Beth Healy, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Ronnie Sheetz, General Services Department
- Mr. Garrett Moore, VDOT
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee

**3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

Mr. Stribling called for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the October 20, 2004 meeting. Seconded: Mr. Graham. Adopted.

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**4. Sheriff's Office Budget Review**

Sheriff Fox reviewed his department's FY2006 Budget Submission with the Committee. Per the request of Mr. Graham, the Sheriff elaborated on his new initiative requests. He advised that his number one priority is the addition of four new Patrol Deputies and two new Patrol Sergeants in an effort to cover six rotating shifts. This would allow for 12 hour scheduling and overlapping coverage during peak hours. The creation of two "power squads" will focus on the roads and add flexibility to the rotating shifts for coverage during sick and vacation leave. The total cost of this new initiative would be approximately \$443,005.73. Other new initiatives for the Sheriff's budget include the addition of Correctional Deputies and School Resource Officers. All new initiative requests are currently under review by the strategy focus team.

**5. FRA 10 Year Budget Recap**

Phil Myer and Tom Marable provided a report outlining FRA's current year contributions and expenditures and those predicted for the next several years. Mr. Marable advised that after determining all operating costs and county contributions, fire companies are covering approximately a one million dollar deficit through donations and other various fund raisers. A one cent increase in the fire and rescue levy was requested to help offset the increasing deficit. Mr. Graham advised that discussion is ongoing about how to reach a solution in this matter.

**6. EMS Response Times/Fees for Service**

DFES Captain Darren Stevens, gave a presentation to address current EMS service delivery levels and the possibility of fees for service in the future. Fauquier's current service delivery falls short of the Emergency Services Task Force Standard of arriving within ten minutes of a call 80% of the time. Current estimated service levels for career personnel are 68% and 46% for volunteer staff. Limited resources, station location and supervision are all factors which may contribute to falling short of the established benchmark. To address the issue, DFES is recommending the implementation of a ten year service plan. This will provide for new station construction and additional career staff. Possible funding sources to offset costs of this plan include additional county tax revenue or an EMS Fee for Services Plan, which would allow for revenue recovery with no additional tax increase. It was noted that FRA is not in favor of such a plan.

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Several counties across the Commonwealth have implemented such a system including Chesterfield, Roanoke, Arlington and Alexandria. Mr. Graham suggested a B.O.S. work session to further discuss the matter.

**7. Roundtable**

No additional items were presented during the roundtable session.

**8. Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling called for adjournment at 6:31 pm.

*Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2004*

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*Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff*  
*Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee*